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Dear Sir

After a cessation of all correspondence for a long time I have taken up my pen to open it anew and to assure you that it shall not be my fault if it should again be interrupted — An attempt now to investigate the causes of the long interruption would be mountaining and painful I therefore shall not commence the enquiry, than which, I had rather submit it to the will of a supposition that the error has been in me and endeavour by future attention to atone for past neglects. —

It is unnecessary to observe the

different state of mind in which the people appear expecting peace and war seems an ballancing between hope and fear left peace is at a greater distance than ever I suppose it then you are governed by intrest feelings & ~~&~~ &c absolutely ~~now~~ that we shall immediately have peace among them I take the liberty to mention the army ~~&~~ an the left who are large importers of wood and are now fully in stock laugh at the idea and assure you that Britain mean nothing ~~—~~ Jerons. —

What think you of the matter. —

Congress are much in earnest to reduce the expences of the united States They are making every just reform in their power and are very unanimous in the necessity opinion of

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of the measure — How unfortunate is it that it should not have been soonn attempted. —

Nothing has been received lately from Europe save an item in Jeffersonville, which we know not what they are about in that part of the world — I hope by the next opportunity to inform you that the terms of peace are settled and went more confidently upon. Meantime bear in mind who has the power to be with just as much as I am

Always your friend
Sincerely
A. Lincoln

Hon D. Holton

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